

the important thing that I want the people of Israel to know.

They have to make the decision of whether they want to pursue the peace process or not; that is their decision. We believe, ultimately, it's the only way to bring peace and security, and we want both peace and security. I think that's what they all want. I think that's why the race is so close.

But I can tell you this: If they decide to stay on the path of peace, we will share the risk; we will do what we can to minimize the risk. They can make the decision. Whatever decision they make, we obviously—all countries—will accept and respect. But if they decide to stay with peace, we will do what we can to make sure they can have security as well.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:22 p.m. in Room 450 in the Old Executive Office Building. In his remarks, he referred to former Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, USN (Ret.).

### **Remarks on the Verdict in the McDougal-Tucker Trial and an Exchange With Reporters** *May 28, 1996*

**The President.** I'd like to make a brief statement about the jury verdict in Arkansas today. First of all, the jury has completed its work and they obviously worked for quite a long time and debated this thoroughly and tried to make a good decision. So I think we should all accept that.

Obviously, on a personal level, I'm very sorry for Governor Tucker and Jim and Susan McDougal. But the jury has decided. I was asked to give testimony; I did that. And for me, it's time to go back to work. That's what I intend to do.

**Q.** Do you think Governor Tucker should resign?

**The President.** I don't want to comment on that. I think those questions have to be resolved by the people involved and in terms of what their other options are. I don't want to comment on that. I just think that this is a day for saying that these jurors worked a long time; they were out for an extended period of time; they reached their verdict.

And as I said, for me it's more of a personal thing today. I'm very sorry for them personally.

But I did what I was asked to do, and now I've got to go back to work. That's what I intend to do.

**Q.** Sir, do you think this is a repudiation of your statements?

**Q.** Did the jurors not believe you, sir? Did the jurors not believe you?

**The President.** You ought to ask them that. I doubt that. I doubt that that's what was going on. But you ought to ask them. I don't know.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:20 p.m. on the North Driveway of the White House. In his remarks, he referred to trial codefendants Gov. Jim Guy Tucker of Arkansas and James and Susan McDougal. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

### **Memorandum on the United States-Israel Arrow Deployability Program** *May 28, 1996*

Presidential Determination No. 96-27

#### *Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense*

**Subject:** U.S.-Israel Arrow Deployability Program

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 103-160, I hereby certify that:

—the United States and the Government of Israel have entered into an agreement governing the conduct and funding of the Arrow Deployability Program;

—the Arrow Deployability Program will benefit the United States and has not been barred by other Congressional direction;

—the Arrow missile successfully completed a flight test on June 12, 1994, in which it intercepted a target missile under realistic test conditions; and

—the Government of Israel is continuing, in accordance with its previous public commitments, to adhere to export controls pursuant to the Guidelines and Annex of the Missile Technology Control Regime.